

*Includes \$1.65 million for Food Safety Project and \$1.61 million for Water Conservation Practices*

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*Washington, DC - Thursday, Congressman Harry Teague announced that New Mexico State University is one step closer to receiving \$5,091,000 for agricultural projects.□ The funding was included in the Agriculture Appropriations passed by the House today.□ The 10 projects that would receive the funding are all administered within the school of agriculture and deal with critical research and development of food safety products, renewable energy resources, and drought management.□*

*"New Mexico State University is one of the nation's premiere agricultural research institutions and the technologies that will be developed through these projects will be used throughout the world to protect the food we eat and produce renewable energy," said Congressman Harry Teague.□ "I am proud to have advocated for this funding and I look forward to working with NMSU on critical projects that continue to make southern New Mexico a leader in agricultural research."*

*Below is a summary of the projects and their funding levels:*

*Project*

*Amount*

***Cataloging Genes Associated with Drought and Disease Resistance*** *Studying drought resistant plants*

\$176,000

***Oil Resources from Desert Plants***

- Development of new high-value a

\$176,000

***Soil-borne Disease Prevention in Irrigated Agriculture-***

Study of methods for preventing cro

\$176,000

***Range Improvement***

-Studying the impact of national pol

\$209,000

***Nematode Resistance Genetic Engineering -***

Development of alternatives to crop

\$209,000

***Southern Great Plains Dairy Consortium***

- Addresses the major research and

\$235,000

**Southwest Consortium for Plant Genetics and Water Resources** - Development of innovative plant bi

\$271,000

**Rapid Syndrome Validation Program** - Syndromic Surveillance to allow v

\$379,000

**Efficient Irrigation** - This initiative will continue to dev

\$1,610,000

**NMSU Agricultural Products Food Safety Laboratory** - The laboratory evaluates new rap

\$1,650,000

**Total**

\$5,091,000

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*The bill now moves to the Senate for approval.*

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